

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

DISBARMENT ORDERED: Marlee James Buckson
Supreme Court No. 630, 2011. Effective Date: November 29, 2011

On November 29, 2011, the Delaware Supreme Court ordered the disbarment of Marlee James Buckson based upon her professional misconduct involving felony theft. Ms. Buckson had been admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Delaware in 2008. Ms. Buckson had previously been suspended by Order of the Court on February 3, 2011 on an interim basis pursuant to Rule 16 of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Disciplinary Procedure pending final disposition under the Rules.

Ms. Buckson pled guilty in 2011 to theft of funds from The Lawson Firm, LLC including funds from the law firm's trust and operating accounts. The Supreme Court of Delaware has consistently imposed or accepted by consent the sanction of disbarment in cases involving misappropriation of client and law firm funds. Such conduct violates Rule 8.4(b) of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct which provides that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to "commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects." Ms. Buckson and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel signed and submitted for the Court's approval a stipulation of disbarment by consent which was ordered by the Court without further proceedings.